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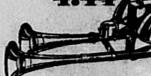
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## Pfc. Ralph Pina, With Merrill's Marauders, Wounded Rescuing Pal

How Ralph Pina, well known Torrance and Lomita boy, was wounded a second time while a machine gunner with Merrill's Marauders in Burma, rescuing a buddy from a bomb crater being peppered with fire from Japanese machine guns, is told in a letter dated Aug. 1, 1944, written in a Red Cross hospital. That the wound is a pretty bad one is seen in the remark that he'll be in the hospital for a few months and "then no more fighting."

The letter was sent to his parents and at Ralph's request they gave it to Miss Irene Mills of Torrance High school, who has been corresponding with Ralph and hundreds of other boys from the district. It tells of his unit being cited by President Roosevelt for a "vital Burma victory responsible for the capture of the highly prized Myatkyina airfield."

Pfc. Pina's letter reads: "I hope that this letter will ease your mind and make you worry less. I guess as before you are wondering how it happened. Well, everything happened so fast that of the things are forgotten. We were making an attack and had gained about 500 yards. We found ourselves receiving heavy Jap machine gun fire from heavily fortified Jap pill boxes. Orders came to withdraw until the pill boxes were knocked out with mortar fire.

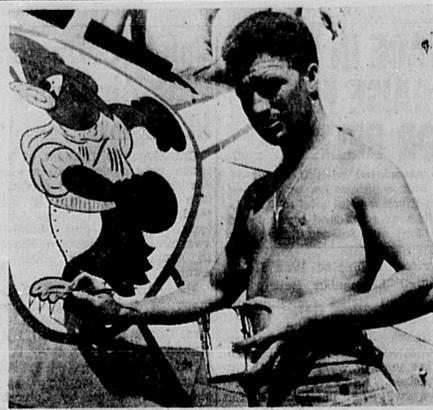
"We withdrew, but six men were trapped on a bomb crater with a badly wounded man (Pvt. Winters). This crater was between our lines and the Jap pill boxes. Pvt. Winters was a good friend of mine and only the day before we had talked of what we were going to do after we got back. He also was from California. There was so much noise from the firing that we could not hear them. Our aid men had passed out from heat exhaustion. I told Capt. Andres, our CO, that Winters was a friend of mine and that I was going to see what I could do. I took my Tommy gun and ran, dodged and crawled until I got to the crater. I found out that three men were needed to carry him out because the rest had to put up a fire fight on the pill boxes so that we could not get hit when we carried him out.

Sgt. Welman, Sgt. Grady and myself carried Winters out while the rest opened on the Japs. We were able to carry him out to our first line, where we put him on a stretcher. The boys on the line then opened up on the Japs while the boys got out of the crater. Sgts. Welman and Grady and myself then started to take him to our trench, which was still farther down. We got about ten yards from the trench when a Jap machine gun sprayed us. Welman got hit through the stomach, Grady on the leg and myself through the right thigh. I was pretty lucky. "It went through one side and out the other, missed my bone. We jumped in the trench and some other boys pulled Winters in. There we got some more boys to carry Winters and Welman out. I was given a shot of morphine and a bandage to put on my leg. Later, with the help of two of the boys I walked back half a mile to an aid station. Later when I got to the hospital I found out that (two words censored). I'm sure that Winters would have done just as much as he could had I been in his place. He was one of the best buddies a fellow could have. Welman, Grady and myself are now in the hospital doing fine. I guess this will put me out of any more fighting. I am ever so thankful to my Lord that again he spared my life."

"Guess this will be all this time. Please don't worry, because I'll feel better if I know that you are not worrying yourself sick. I'll be all right in a few months and then no more fighting."

## Torrance U.S.O. Is Given \$184.30 By Local Rodeo

Torrance U.S.O. club's share of proceeds of the sale of programs at the Second Annual Torrance Rodeo was \$184.30, and a check for this amount has been forwarded, members of the rodeo committee said. The local committee has been asked to assist in the presentation at El Morro over the weekend and the big rodeo to be staged in that city.



WITH THE TWELFTH ARMY AIR FORCE... S/Sgt. Glenn Eipper, 26, of 25338 Pennsylvania ave., Lomita, is a sign painter of a Twelfth Air Force P-47 Thunderbolt fighter-bomber, now blasting enemy communications, motor transports and gun positions in support of Allied ground troops in the Mediterranean theater. Eipper left the United States July 16, 1942. He enlisted Jan. 27, 1942. His fighter group recently received its third Presidential citation.

## STATE GUARD COMMENDED FOR INSTANT MOBILIZATION AND SERVICE RENDERED IN BLAST

Proof that the California State Guard is something more than a protective unit that is "called out" in time of emergency and as a matter of fact is a group of trained men who can function as an intelligent force whether they serve in an official capacity or strictly as quick-thinking citizens who know what to do and how to do it in time of need is contained in citations from the office of Brig. Gen. Ray W. Hays, the adjutant general of California, sent to Maj. A. Milton Fish, commanding the 2nd Battalion, 38th Regiment, and in turn forwarded by him to Capt. R. L. Lewellen, commanding Co. H, Torrance, and other unit commanders.

General Hays says: "In the recent Port Chicago disaster it was not deemed necessary to officially activate the State Guard but the local units very well proved their worth to the stricken communities by their volunteer action. "In nearby Martinez, Lt. Mor-

ris Hoffman, commanding officer of Co. F, 3rd Bn., 33rd Regiment, reports that within ten minutes of the shattering explosion 35 men reported for duty. After standing by until 11:15 p.m. for a possible call, the men were released—only to be recalled almost immediately by Lt. Hoffman in response to a police request for aid. Minutes later the volunteers were performing required duties: Military police, assisting in the evacuation of casualties in Port Chicago and preparing, delivering and serving large quantities of hot coffee in the immediate area. A letter of recognition from the Martinez police chief is on file.

"In Concord, Lt. Struby ministered Co. B, 3rd Bn., 33rd Regiment and offered aid to the local police department as volunteers—and it was warmly accepted. These men assisted generally and then actually relieved the local police at 3 a.m. for regular MP duty. The police department was high in its praise of Co. B's performance. "The Antioch Daily Ledger paid the following editorial tribute:

"There should be no lack of appreciation of the fact that a unit of the State Guard is located in Antioch, nor of how it will act in an emergency. Fully and quickly meeting the purpose of their existence last night, after the explosion in Port Chicago, Co. D, 3rd Bn., 33rd Regiment, under command of Lt. Harry M. Shawver appeared on the scene before most people realized what the situation was and before anyone thought to call for them.

"In full uniforms, guns with bayonets fixed and sub-machine guns, the services of Co. D were offered Chief of Police Al LeRoy and utilized for patrol duty during the night. To their alertness may be credited the minimum loss, if any, of merchandise and valuables that might easily have been removed from any of the store windows where the glass had been crashed by concussion from the terrific blast. "Members of the company work regular shifts in industry, but each man took a two-hour watch as it was assigned to him, and Antioch's business section was well guarded through the night... To all

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## Ninth Service Command Buys Huge War Bond Amount

War Department civilian and military personnel during the Fifth War Loan drive, June 1 to July 31, purchased \$24,252,253.93 worth of bonds at Army installations located throughout the eight western states, Maj. Gen. David McCoach, Jr., Commanding General of the Ninth Service Command, announced today at his Fort Douglas, Utah, headquarters.

During the two month period the twenty-four million dollars in bond sales were made to civilian workers and military personnel—commissioned and enlisted—at posts, camps, stations and other installations of the Army Service Forces, Army Ground Forces and Army Air Forces in Washington, Oregon, California, Montana, Idaho, Nevada, Utah and Arizona.

of them Antioch owes its gratitude."

"The very obvious moral to be found in the combined actions of these concerned units and those who stood by for possible call, is the inestimable value to the community of a group of trained men who can render a pertinent service in time of need."

The War Production Board has authorized unlimited use of glass containers for the packing of most foods, drugs and health supplies.

## Hospital Cases

The following were among those admitted to Torrance Memorial hospital during the past week:

- Mrs. Emma Bruner, 2315 243rd st., Lomita.
- David Cameron, Jr., 1601 W. 203rd st.
- Edwin Horridge, 2141 247th st., Lomita.
- John Leblo, 503 Harbor Hills.
- Mrs. Irene Williams, 1424 Hickory ave.

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